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28 December 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Director of Soviet Analysis

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SUBJECT: Letter on Recent Activities of the  
Military-Economic Advisory Panel

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1. The attached letter, for the Director's signature, is our proposed acknowledgment of recent letter to him on MEAP activities.

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2. request for a meeting of the Panel with the Director is probably worth following through on, although some members of the Panel appear to be overly concerned about the visibility of their work. The particular concerns proposes to raise in such a meeting--analytical problems with forces projections and limitations of our military R&D cost estimates--are not new ones for us, although we can use any good ideas on them the Panel might be able to offer. The meeting would also offer the Director a chance to help shape some of the future work of the Panel if he is so inclined.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : [ ] Letter on Recent Activities of the  
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1. In a letter dated 13 December, [ ] passed along to you a brief status report on MEAP activities and raised two issues of concern to the Panel. [ ] also requested that you hold a meeting with the Panel to discuss their ideas for future work. SOVA has prepared a response to [ ] (Tab A). STAT

2. The MEAP members are apparently concerned that they have had too little personal contact with you recently to be an effective advisory group. A meeting with the Panel would allow them to air their concerns on some issues of substance as well as organization directly with you; it would also give you a chance to set any parameters for the work of the Panel over the next year or so that you think would be useful. Certainly, the work of the Panel has been and continues to be useful, as you well know, but its visibility has been lower than some members think it deserves.



Robert M. Gates

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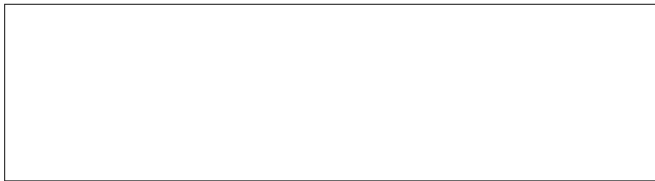
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Dear 

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate the time and effort devoted by the Panel members to these very complex analyses and have relied on MEAP recommendations in evaluating our own work program. The continuing dialogue between our analytical components and outside experts is an important one and, as this summer's methodological review has proven, can have a major and immediate impact.

Your report of the latest MEAP session highlighted two substantive issues: the forecasting of Soviet military forces and the estimate of Soviet military R&D costs. In times past, both of these issues have caused controversy in the defense community. I would welcome a chance to discuss them with you and the members of the Panel and to hear any proposals you have for improving them. I am asking  to arrange a time that is mutually convenient.

Sincerely,

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/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence



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